

NAVAL BATTALION TO PROBE LOSS OF GOODS

One Hundred Blankets and Other Property Gone.

CARELESSNESS THE CAUSE

No Allegations of Thefts Made—Cruise to Take Place as Usual.

Just what has become of about one hundred blankets and much other property belonging to the District Naval Battalion is a problem which a board of survey is to attempt to solve at a meeting, which is to be held tonight on the practice ship Fern, now lying at her pier at the foot of Sixth Street.

According to reports thirty-five overcoats in addition to the blankets and a number of other articles have disappeared.

Though there are no allegations of dishonesty, and while none of the officers is mentioned specifically as having been derelict, the general officers of the District National Guard are of the opinion that there has been carelessness somewhere, and they are determined to find out where it is. Fifteen hundred dollars easily covers the loss.

Orders Issued.

The reports of shortages have been in circulation several weeks, and yesterday General Harries issued the order for the investigation.

Prior to the issuance of the order, however, a change was made in the methods of furnishing property, to the men. Under the new arrangement the men make requisitions directly upon Paymaster Sidney Bieber, instead of through the division officers, as heretofore.

Are to Cruise.

It was said today that the losses have occurred in allowing the men to take the blankets and other articles to their homes, where they were lost and no accounting was made of them. Just what officer permitted this practice to continue uninterrupted no one could say today, but it is expected that the facts are going to be brought out by the board of survey.

According to reports the expense of keeping up the battalion has been increasing so rapidly that General Harries has declined to permit the purchase of any more supplies until the shortages are straightened out. It is also said that General Harries is not going to allow the plan for the annual cruise to be completed until the findings of the board of survey have been approved by the proper officers. This decision would indicate that there is likely to be a delay in the battalion getting away, but it was said this morning by the officers that the battalion would sail on schedule time. It is the intention of the board to hurry matters, and it was said this morning that the work would be concluded in a day or two.

"The reports of the matter," said Paymaster Bieber today, "have been greatly exaggerated, and unfair. There have been no thefts reported, but the boys have worn out many things for which the battalion should have credit. We are going to have matters straightened out in a session or two, and I think the battalion is going away on its cruise at the date proposed."

OCTOBER 20 SELECTED AS DISTRICT DAY AT FAIR

Commissioners Accept Invitation of St. Louis Exposition.

Acting upon the recommendation of Commissioner Macfarland, the Commissioners have named Wednesday, October 20, 1904, for District of Columbia day, at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

This action was taken today, after the consideration of an invitation from the secretary of the exposition, giving the Commissioners the choice of any day in October, except the following, which have been awarded: October 5, Rhode Island day; October 6, Maine and Ohio day; October 7, Women's Christian Temperance Union day; October 12, Knights of Columbus day; October 13, Connecticut day, and October 18, Alaska day.

MEXICAN EPISCOPALIANS CHOSE SATTERLEE BISHOP

Unique Honor for Primate of the Church in Washington.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Satterlee, Bishop of Washington, was elected provisional bishop of the Mexican Episcopal Church at a recent meeting of its synod in the City of Mexico. The choice is a popular one in Mexico, and is a most unique and noteworthy honor.

NEW STABLE NEEDED FOR SIXTH PRECINCT

Major Sylvester Will Estimate for It in Annual Report.

Police Lieutenant James A. Moore, commanding the Sixth precinct, has requested the Commissioners to consider the advisability of building a new and modern stable on the site of the old morgue, in the rear of the Sixth precinct station, which is soon to be vacated. Major Sylvester, to whom the matter was referred, makes the following endorsement:

"The present morgue and stable attached thereto are on the land of the Sixth precinct station, and I beg leave to recommend that as soon as the same is vacated they may be occupied by the horses and wagons of the precinct, and I shall make recommendation in my annual estimates that the dilapidated stable and building be so re-modeled as to meet modern conditions."

TAXPAYER DECLARES OTHERS GET REBATES

Wadsworth Makes Charge of Discrimination.

HE WANTS SAME TREATMENT

Says He Was Overcharged for Personal Property—Commissioners Refuse to Give Relief.

The Commissioners today refused another refund to a taxpayer who claims to have equity, if not the law, in his favor. The case is that of Robert Wadsworth, who owns the handsome residence on the northwest corner of Eighteenth Street and Massachusetts Avenue. Mr. Wadsworth says:

"Last year a personal property tax was determined upon, and notification mailed to me long after date of issuance."

"In conversation with your Assessor, I said that it was easy enough to rate personal tax, because the contents of a dwelling generally cost about one-third of that of the building—say from one-quarter to one-half. I was assessed \$50,000 on my building, and \$30,000 on my personal property, and charged 1 1/2 per cent for tardiness."

Charges Favoritism.

"I find that almost everyone I have had conversation with has been allowed rebates of one sort or another, and their personal taxes reduced to an insignificant amount. I would urge you to consider that I am entitled to rebates unless the tax on personal property is assessed to other residents as it was to me, and that it was not my fault that I am delinquent when my notice of taxes was given me only in January."

"As I mentioned to you in a previous letter, my house is built much larger than was my intention, because of restrictions the Commissioners put upon my plans, necessitating an outlay of some \$25,000 to \$30,000, which several facts I trust you will see entitle me to a material rebate of the taxes I am bearing."

The excuse offered by the Assessor for this condition of affairs is incorporated in an endorsement which appears on the back of the letter.

Mr. Darnelle Answers.

"For the fiscal year 1903 Mr. Wadsworth failed to make a return of his personal property," says Mr. Darnelle. "It was consequently the duty of the personal tax appraisers to make an assessment upon the personal property of Mr. Wadsworth. The Assessor called in person at Mr. Wadsworth's residence, and placed an assessment thereon of \$25,000. The personal tax law imposes a penalty of 20 per cent upon those persons who failed to make return within the specified time. As Mr. Wadsworth came within this category his assessment was raised to \$30,000."

"Mr. Wadsworth called at this office in regard to the assessment, had a conference with the Assessor and agreed to the amount assessed against him. This conversation was in lieu of an appeal to the board of personal tax appeals, to which body Mr. Wadsworth was by law entitled to take his case."

"The tax upon this assessment amounting to \$450 was paid May 14, 1903. I know of no grounds for Mr. Wadsworth's statement that 'almost everyone has been allowed rebates of one sort or another,' and I cannot consistently recommend that any refund be made in his case."

This action has been approved by Commissioner West, and Mr. Wadsworth will be informed accordingly.

AMERICAN TO PAINT CHINESE DOWAGER

Five Reformers Arrested in Peking, One Brother of a Viceroy.

PEKING, Aug. 8.—Five reformers were arrested in Peking today, one being the brother of the viceroy of Wu Chang. Police have been stationed at all the gates to prevent men suspected to be reformers from leaving the city.

Mrs. Conger visited the Dowager Empress at the summer palace today to introduce Miss Kate Augusta Carl, an American artist from Paris, who is to paint the Dowager Empress' portrait.

DISTRICT EXAMINING BOARD IS APPOINTED

Will Begin Work When Garrison Takes Charge.

UP-TO-DATE SYSTEM WANTED

Commissioner Makes It Plain That Investigation Is Not the Result of Charges.

The Commissioners have appointed John R. Garrison, William C. Woodward, and Moncure Burke, a committee of three to carry on the investigation, into every branch of the District government. In accordance with the order issued July 30, Mr. Garrison will assume the duties of District Auditor August 17, Dr. Woodward is Health Officer for the District, and Moncure Burke is the private secretary to Engineer Commissioner John Biddle.

The three members of the committee represent the three branches of the District service, presided over by the three Commissioners. William Tindall, secretary to the board, has been appointed to serve as recorder to the committee. The work of investigation will begin as soon after August 17 as practicable. In speaking of the appointments, Commissioner Macfarland said:

Thoroughness the Keynote.

"As the Commissioners desire the examination to be a thorough one, and as the members of the committee will have to perform the ordinary duties of their offices as well, the Commissioners do not expect an early report. The work could not be properly done in a hurry."

"It is the desire of the Commissioners that the committee should take all the time necessary, so that their recommendations may be as nearly perfect as possible, and the action taken by the Commissioners, or by Congress on their recommendation, shall not need to be revised soon again."

"It ought to be distinctly understood that this committee is to make its examination, not because of charges, for there are none to lay before it, but as a wise business proceeding."

"The object in view is a uniform, up-to-date business system. Many of the departments will be found to need little, if any, improvement in this respect."

THE RETIREMENT OF GENERAL N. A. MILES

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starts before noon, as he was not promoted until that hour. At 11 o'clock correspondents who called to see General Miles asked him if he did not retain his office until noon.

"Yes," the general replied, "and we'll not turn the clock back."

Two Commanding Generals.

Many officers believe General Young displayed bad taste in wearing the insignia of the Lieutenant general before General Miles' retirement. It is impossible for the army to have two lieutenant generals, still two men were wearing the insignia of the office at once this morning. Although General Young took the oath of office at 10 o'clock, he was not promoted until General Miles' retirement at noon.

Lieut. Gen. Nelson Appleton Miles, for eight years the commanding general of the army, retired from the service at noon today.

The order issued to General Miles announcing his retirement by Adjutant General Corbin is as follows:

"Washington, August 8, 1903. 'The retirement from active service by the President, August 8, 1903, of Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, United States army, by operation of law, under the provision of the act of Congress approved June 30, 1882, is announced. Lieutenant General Miles will proceed to his home. The travel enjoined is necessary for the public service.'

"By order of Secretary of War."

"H. C. CORBIN, Adjutant General, Major General, U. S. A."

General Miles' Farewell.

General Miles' farewell order announces his retirement from active service by operation of law, and thanks his brother officers for their fidelity during his term as commanding general of the army.

Major General Corbin is to be president of the Soldiers' Home Board. Brigadier General Gillespie is to succeed General Miles as president of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification. Lieutenant General Young is to be a member of the Sherman statue commission.

Dr. Barbee had been engaged in the practice of medicine for quite half a century, and was the beloved friend of the community where he lived and labored. During the civil war he suspended the practice of his profession to enter the Confederate army, where he served with much distinction, reaching the grade of colonel before the end of the struggle.

One of the noted features of Dr. Barbee's character was his distinguished charity and kindness to the poor.

His funeral took place yesterday (Friday) morning at his late residence. The interment was made in Lone Oak Cemetery, of that place.

Returned from wedding trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. William Shea have returned from Atlantic City from their wedding trip and are visiting the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick N. Sommerville, of Thirtieth and U Streets northwest, Mr. and Mrs. Shea will make their home in New York.

BASEBALL.

The Mount Taber Church baseball nine added another victory to the chain yesterday afternoon, by defeating the strong Tenleytown nine, by the score of 9 to 7. Ben Ray pitched for the winning team, while William Donaldson was on the rubber for the visitors. Donaldson struck out thirteen men, while Ray fanned six of his opponents. The game was played on the Olympic grounds, and an unusually large crowd was in attendance. Walter Brown umpired the game.

This afternoon the Mount Tabors will cross bats with the Harlems, on the Olympic grounds. Charter, who recently signed with the Mount Tabors, will probably pitch today's game.

VETERANS OF THE FIGHT AT FORT FISHER TO MEET

Unique Gathering of the Blue and Gray.

REUNION ON THE FIELD

Famous Commanders and Troops to Be Guests of the Southern Survivors.

Arrangements have been about completed for one of the most unique reunions of veterans ever held. It is to be a gathering of all of both the survivors of the blue and gray who took part in the terrific fight at the bombardment and capture of Fort Fisher, N. C.

Col. W. J. Woodward, commander of Cape Fear (N. C.) Camp, No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, has been in Washington several days arranging some of the details for the reunion.

The reunion is to take place August 12, and invitations to attend have been accepted by Gen. N. W. Curtis, of New York, who commanded the Federal land forces, and Col. William Lamb, of Norfolk, Va., who was in command of the Confederate forces in Fort Fisher. About fifteen of the Confederate veterans of Washington, who took part in the bloody struggle, have also been invited and they are to attend.

Titles Won.

It is proposed for the survivors who attend to spend a day in giving reminiscences of their participation in this terrific struggle.

General Curtis, who was a member of Congress from New York, is known as the hero of Fort Fisher, and it was at this place that Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, U. S. N., obtained his sobriquet of "Fighting Bob."

The reunion is to be in charge of committees of North Carolina ex-Confederates, who are arranging to take charge of a large number of their adversaries in a more hospitable manner than they attempted to handle them during the historic fight. The Atlantic Coast Line and the other railroads as far North as Washington are giving special rates to the veterans.

Bloody Fighting.

Fort Fisher was captured January 15, 1865, and the reunion does not take place on the anniversary because of the cold weather along the North Carolina Coast at that point. Fort Fisher was captured by a combined naval and land assault. Six hundred guns on war vessels pelted the fort, it is said, while the landing force was getting a footing on land.

The Confederates had less than 2,000 men inside the fort, and the defense they made may be imagined from the fact that the Federal forces lost 1,445 killed, wounded, and missing. General Curtis was himself wounded and a half dozen prominent Confederate officers were killed or wounded.

Commanders Wounded.

Col. William Lamb, who was in command, was wounded so seriously as to almost result fatally. General Whiting, of the Confederate army, who refused to take charge of the fighting so as to permit Colonel Lamb to remain in command, was seriously wounded.

The last assault on Fort Fisher lasted from Friday morning to Sunday night. The fire on the fort Sunday reached a terrific pitch, historians say. It was concentrated on both the land and sea front. The garrison suffered severely by the fire and in a short time nearly every gun was dismounted or disabled. At 3 o'clock the Federal landing force formed in columns for assault.

WELL-KNOWN DOCTOR AND EX-CONFEDERATE DEAD

Dr. Andrew Russell Barbee a Colonel in Civil War.

News has been received here of the recent death of Dr. Andrew Russell Barbee, of Mount Pleasant, W. Va.

Dr. Barbee was visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Darnell, at Pruntytown, in that State, at the time of his death, which was quite sudden. The deceased was one of the best-known physicians in West Virginia, and was a brother of the noted sculptor, the late William R. Barbee, whose many works of art included "The Fisher Girl," "The Coquette," "The Lost Plaid," and other designs in marble.

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GOVERNMENT LAWYERS GET READY FOR COURT

Officials of the Department of Justice are preparing for the next session of the Supreme Court of the United States. It is expected there will be eleven cases argued by department officials in the month of October and every assistant to the Attorney General has a dozen or more cases for the session. Nearly every minute from now to October, which can be spared from routine affairs, will be used in the preparation of briefs and arguments. Several officials of the department are now away on their vacations, but all have taken trunks laden with law books and are putting in about five hours a day in work.

ACCOUNTING ASKED BY EMILY G. KILLMON

Petitions Court to Order Inventory From Her Guardian.

Emily Grace Killmon has filed a petition in the Probate Court asking that her guardian, Edwin B. Hay, be required to render an account of her estate and of the income accruing from it. The petition is filed by Attorneys Lambert & Baker, and states that January 24, 1902, Hay was appointed guardian of Miss Killmon, who was then a minor. He gave bond in the sum of \$4,000. Yesterday Miss Killmon reached her majority. She says in her petition that she owns a one-third interest of \$2,297.36 in premises 101 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest. When the property was sold she says she believes that her portion was paid to her guardian, Edwin B. Hay. Since then Miss Killmon says her guardian has made no accounting to her, nor has she received the income from her estate.

SISTERS DIE TOGETHER.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 8.—Fannie and Mary Dick, sisters, aged eighteen and thirteen years, respectively, were found dead in bed at their home in this city yesterday. They had been asphyxiated by a defective gas jet.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

FIREMEN'S QUARREL STILL ON.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Aug. 8.—There is still trouble in the Alexandria fire department over the action of the board of fire wardens in refusing to remove Julian Ballenger from his position as driver of the Hydraulion hose wagon. An exciting meeting of the Hydraulion Company was held last night, and the same committee that waited upon the fire wardens was ordered to confer with similar committees from the Relief Hook and Ladder and the Columbia Fire Engine Company in order to take concerted action upon the election by the wardens of a man to a paid position in the fire department who did not have the endorsement of the volunteer members of the company. The Hydraulion members assert that the decision of the wardens is one that affects all the engine companies. They also insist that after doing all the dirty work in putting out fires they at least ought to have a say as to whom the paid position in the department shall go.

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CHURCH OFFICERS ELECTED.

The congregation of the First Baptist Church in this city, has elected the following officers: Church clerk, James R. Mansfield; church treasurer, W. P. Henshaw. The following were elected delegates to the Potomac Association, which will hold its annual meeting at Leesburg, Va., on the 12th inst.: R. H. Remington, Adam Martin, T. A. Groves, and J. W. Emmert.

TRANSFER OF CLERKS.

A portion of the force in the train dispatcher's office of the Southern Railway Company here was yesterday removed to Charlottesville, Va., where a new dispatcher's office has been opened.

DEATH OF GEORGE STINIER.

A dispatch was received in this city today announcing the death of George R. Stinier at St. George's Island, Md. Mr. Stinier had been ill about two weeks at the island, and it was reported that he would return home last night. A carriage was sent to the wharf to meet him at the boat. He failed to come, and no explanation was offered until the sad intelligence which came today.

Mr. Stinier is survived by a wife and several children, all grown. He was a member of the Masonic order, and secretary of Andrew Jackson Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He had been a partner for many years in the Old Dominion Cigar Company, of Alexandria.

PERSONALS.

Stephen Woolfs, of Richmond, Va., is in this city on a visit to relatives. F. F. Marbury, the popular manager of the Capital City Telephone Company, is spending some time at Atlantic City. W. C. Woodson has as his guest his brother, Frank Woodson, of Chicago, Ill.

WILL OF W. W. WETZEL.

The will of Wilmer W. Wetzel, dated August 28, 1888, has been filed for probate. He leaves his estate to his wife, Hattie Anna Wetzel, for life. Upon her death he directs the estate to be divided among his children.

FARM MEMORIES

Come Back in Food.

How often a good appetite and a cracking good meal will bring back memories of old days on the farm! A mother says: "My eldest son who has always had a weak stomach was finally compelled to give up his position."

"I thought I could nurse him back to health and began feeding him Grape-Nuts for breakfast, and after a short time he formed such a liking for it that I concluded to give it to him for supper too."

"He wanted me to prepare it even after, but I did not do so for I was afraid he would take a dislike to the food by getting too much of it, and I felt certain it would help him if he would only continue its use."

"He began to pick up rapidly and now he is well and strong again and has gone back to business and he holds with honor a position that is very trying to the brain. Only yesterday he said to me, 'Grape-Nuts has certainly done wonders for me. I would not pass a day without it, and it has such a fine taste.'"

It puts me in a mind of how we used to enjoy food on the farm."

"I first saw Grape-Nuts at a luncheon one day at a friend's house and as soon as I tasted it I formed a liking for it. My friend had formerly been sick, but now she lives almost entirely upon Grape-Nuts, and she is also building up a delicate little daughter upon the food and the story she told me of what Grape-Nuts had done for both of them was certainly remarkable." Name given by the Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Send to the Company for particulars by way of extension of time on the \$7,500.00 cooks' contest for 735 money prizes.

RESCUED FROM BOXERS, NOW SHE IS A BRIDE

One of Dewey's Manila Bay Heroes Rewarded.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—A romance begun while the Boxer uprising stirred China and the outside world has just culminated in the marriage in Chicago of Philip Herbert, former gunner of the United States navy, and Mrs. Pearl Seaman, the American widow of a Shanghai merchant.

Herbert served on the Olympic in the battle of Manila and saw service in Chinese waters during the Boxer uprising. While on shore leave he encountered an overturned palanquin in one of Shanghai's narrow streets.

The occupant, Mrs. Seaman, was pinned beneath the vehicle and was screaming for help, while the bearers fought to keep off a dozen Chinese clamoring for blood of "foreign devils." A few blows drove the Celestials away, and Herbert carried her to safety.

The gunner returned to his ship, but when he left Shanghai he carried with him the heart of the young widow and the promise that she would become his wife on the expiration of his enlistment.

The sailor was discharged in February. He was notified later that he had become heir to \$20,000.

BIDS OPENED FOR LUDLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL

Contract Likely to Go to Firm of Pavarini & Greer.

Bids were opened at noon today for the construction of the new William Ludlow Public School, at Sixth and G Streets northeast. Pavarini & Greer were the lowest bidders on proposal No. 1, offering to build the structure out of buff brick and limestone for \$41,700. The amount available for the work is \$45,000.

The lowest bidders on proposal No. 2, which calls for red brick and manufactured stone, were Burgess & Parsons, who quoted \$38,525. As the bid for the higher class material is well within the amount of the appropriation, it is probable that Pavarini & Greer will be awarded the contract.

Other bidders were James M. Dunn, No. 1, \$42,325; No. 2, \$41,504; Pavarini & Greer, No. 2, \$2,250; Burgess & Parsons, No. 1, \$42,293; W. E. Mooney, No. 1, \$43,248; No. 2, \$40,882; Meads & Reynolds, No. 1, \$44,593; No. 2, \$41,913; Gleason & Humphreys, No. 1, \$41,890; No. 2, \$39,300.

DIED.

GARTHWAITE.—On Saturday, August 8, 1903, at 12:45 a. m., MARTHA ALEXANDER GARTHWAITE, daughter of Jane and the late John A. Garthwaite.

Funeral from her late residence, 834 D Street southeast, at 4 p. m., Monday, August 10, 1903. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

CLARK.—On August 8, 1903, at 7:30 a. m., FRANK J. CLARK.

Funeral from his son's residence, W. D. Clark, 533 Ninth Street southeast. Notice of funeral hereafter.

TEETH WITHOUT PAIN.

As pain, swelling, redness, and soreness of the mouth and throat are common to all who have their teeth extracted, it is a relief to know that there is a way to avoid all these painful results.

DR. J. L. WILSON, 1232 F ST. N. W. aug-903

SPECIAL NOTICES.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the J. M. Woodson & Co. will be held at the office of the company, at 1015-1017 F Street, N. W., on Friday, August 15, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m.

WM. M. DOVE, Secretary.

EDUCATIONAL.

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J. WILLIAM L